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## Yesterday and Today.

The present, or today, is by far the most important era in the world's history. It surpasses the world's yesterday almost as much as light does darkness.

Today was ushered into existence by many advantages over yesterday, which were caused by a great many modern improvements in almost every line. The barbaric world has practically yielded to the majestic march of civilization, and the nations are fast becoming enlightened and refined through the establishment of schools and universities of learning. Perhaps the greatest increase in educational institutions has been in our own country.

From the first, New England believed that it is the duty of each state to educate her children. The idea of educating all classes of society was then a new and surprising one, scarcely heard of outside of Prussia and Saxony. A part of the public land was set aside for the purpose of education. It was decided that one section out of every thirty-six should be devoted to public schools.

The Revolution left all institutions of learning paralyzed, but in less than a month after peace was restored, Governor Clinton's message to the legislature of New York contained these memorable words: "Perhaps there is nothing more worthy your attention than the revival and encouragement of seminaries of learning and nothing by which we can more satisfactorily express our gratitude to the Supreme Being for his past favors, since purity and virtue are generally the offspring of an enlightened understanding."

Machinery is a great factor in raising our standard of civilization above that of yesterday, and it is also one of the

prominent marks by which we estimate the progress the world is making. Yesterday was a day of dark and bloody wars, but through the introduction of machinery war has become so horrible that civilized nations will, for the most part, settle most of their disputes by means of arbitration.

Electricity has also come into the field of action, lighting our towns, running our street cars and, besides doing smaller tasks, furnishing us with an almost instantaneous communication with all parts of the civilized world.

In nothing do we see the elevating influences of our time more than in the generosity with which charitable institutions and associations have, of late years, been founded and supported.

As the country has grown in size, population and wealth, relief has been more widely extended to human suffering, and efforts have been more urgently made to elevate the moral and religious condition of our race the world over, while today great movements are being made to educate the men who were yesterday toiling in bondage in the Southern States. Colleges are being founded in the South and devoted men and women have gone there to find their field of life work, for just compensation enough to live upon, to teach those who were for almost two centuries under the feet of those they called "masters."

How much we see that today is an improvement over yesterday, but let us leave nothing undone that will make tomorrow an improvement over today.

FLORENCE WILSON, '05.

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### Aubrey Kramien, the Orator.

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There was a general feeling of satisfaction when Aubrey Kramien was selected by the judges to represent Pacific College in the state oratorical contest. Mr. Kramien has made



a splendid record in his previous oratorical work. Last year he took second in the local contest. He represented Pacific College in the state prohibition oratorical contest at Dallas and won second place there. Then in the inter-state prohibition contest he won fourth place. So it is evident that he is a representative that can be depended upon to make a hard fight for state honors at Forest Grove, March 11.

A large and interested audience was present to witness the local contest. This is one of the features of college work that always brings a big crowd. The students sat in the gallery. But little "yelling" was done. The feverish hope of winning by either side was none the less present. The beginning of the program was delayed somewhat. While the crowd was impatiently waiting, their interest was intensified by the startling appearance of class figures from unexpected places.

Rev. Wm. E. Randal! and Dr. E. L. House, two of the judges, are well known to Newberg people, and their presence in the audience was greeted with delight. Rev. Staub, the third judge, made his first acquaintance with Newberg and Pacific College, and his friendly presence was appreciated by all.

When the orators took their places on the rostrum there was one chair vacant. Clem Niswonger, one of the representatives of the Juniors, was sick and could not be present. Rev. Stanard gave the invocation. During the first piece of music the audience divided its attention between the music and taking a good look at the orators, and already beginning to guess who might get first place. They were all after it, and it meant a lively battle. Nelson was determined; Miles likes to speak and was going to make use of his chance; Kramien was going to do his best, and that is all anybody can do. Miss Lewis and Miss Meats were hopeful, and they had good reason to be. They speak well, and, moreover, a

lady has won first place for the last two years.

The outcome was an intensely spirited contest. Every speaker was followed closely by the audience, and each one furnished a literary treat. The audience was convinced that they were listening to genuine oratory. People forgot to listen because it was a contest, and listened because true eloquence and the arts of orators claimed their attention.

Such was the local contest of P. C. for 1904. The result was that Aubrey Kramien was awarded first place, Carl Nelson second and Walter Miles third.

The committee to arrange for the program was especially fortunate in getting music for the evening. The orchestra was much appreciated and was very liberal in furnishing music. The program was as follows:

Invocation.....	Rev. Stanard
Music.....	Orchestra
Oration.....	"A Higher Patriotism"
	Carl Nelson, '04.
Oration.....	"Martin Luther"
	Alverta Meats, '07.
Vocal Solo.....	"Mother"
	Mrs. Robertson.
Oration.....	"Charlemagne"
	Clement Niswonger, '05.
Oration.....	"The True American Spirit"
	Walter R. Miles, '06.
Cornet Solo.....	F. C. Horton
Oration.....	"Two Emancipators"
	Aubrey Kramien, '04.
Oration.....	"The Dark in Literature"
	M. Eunice Lewis, '05.
Music.....	Orchestra
Judges on delivery—Dr. E. L. House, Dr. Wm. Randall. Rev. J. J. Staub.	
Judges on thought and composition—W. C. Woodward, F. C. Stanard, Mrs. J. C. Hodson.	

### A Long-felt Need Supplied.

At last we have a satisfactory place in which to play public games of basket ball and to give other indoor athletic exercises. For a long time we have wished for an addition built on to the gymnasium to make room for an amphitheatre. We have it at last. The lack of a suitable place in which to play basket ball has made it very difficult to get games here. This year it began to seem that we could have



no game at all here. The danger of that inspired action. Prof. F. K. Jones suggested that the athletic association build an amphitheatre on the north side of the gymnasium. The athletic association took it up. Marvin Blair was appointed chairman of a committee to raise the money and take charge of the work. The material alone would not cost nearly \$100.

This amount was raised by subscriptions. The students subscribed \$39.50; the faculty gave \$22.50. Several members of the board of managers contributed. The remainder was secured by miscellaneous subscriptions among the business men of the community and others who were interested. Several days' work were donated by some of the carpenters. Those outside of the school who donated work were Mr. Heater, Mr. Estle, Roy Stratton, Irving Stratton, Mr. Inman and Roy Heater.

The necessary means were quickly secured and work began at once. Mr. Heater superintended the work. Prof. Jones assisted very liberally. The entire athletic association turned out in full force with hammers and saws and made things lively.

The north wall of the gymnasium was cut out and a lean-to 14x42 was built on. The seats are arranged in the usual amphitheatre manner. The seating capacity is between 250 and 300. J. B. Mount gave the association a good stove, which was placed under the tier of seats and heats the amphitheatre nicely.

A sidewalk was laid from the gymnasium to the walk going to the boarding hall. The entire improvement will not fall short of \$150 in value. The work was finished in a week and practice in basket ball and on the bar resumed. The first public game held after the work was finished was between the college team and a team picked from the town.

No inter-collegiate game has yet been played here this

year. We may have to wait till next year for them, but having the accommodations, there will be no difficulty getting games after this. The gymnasium will be serviceable, not only for athletic, but also for various public gatherings connected with college work.

Roy Heater says the next thing will be to build a 15-foot addition to the front end of the gymnasium.

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### Sophomore Recital.

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The Sophomore Class furnished a variety in the line of class recitals. They added a feature to their recital that afforded a delightful relief from the usual monotony of such occasions. The "hit" they made was to conduct their program after the manner of an old-fashioned Quaker meeting. There are fifteen members in the class, fourteen being present, making large enough a number to represent a meeting pretty well. Any way, it was a taking feature and called forth many remarks of appreciation and delight.

The members of the class were dressed in old-fashioned Quaker style; no attempt will be made to describe it. Suffice it to say, it was well imitated. Those of the older generation who have seen the old style Quaker garb in reality gave expression to many broad smiles, indicative of pleasant recollections. The readers who were not present, and who remember how the people in those good old days used to dress, can easily supply a mental picture of the class as they sat upon the platform, the women on one side and the men on the other. The broad-brimmed hats and neat bonnets were permanent fixtures, except as each member spoke, when the hat or bonnet was removed, and in case it was a bonnet, it was handed to a sister to hold, while the men laid their hats on the floor by their chairs. After the speaker was through the headgear was carefully readjusted.



An instrumental duet was played before the class came on the platform. There was no other music during the evening; it would not have been orthodox.

Walter Miles sat at the head of the meeting, and after the last speaker was through, broke up the meeting by shaking hands with his neighbor. The program is printed below, but no one must think, however, that it was carried out in the order given. The order of the speakers was not determined by the printer:

Seventh Day Evening, 2nd Month, 1904.

We are glad to see thee here this evening. The following Friends have been asked to speak on the subjects opposite their names, and if it seemeth proper they will do so:

Wilfred Pemberton.....	"The Heroism of Giving"
Lillian Nicholson.....	"The Roll Call of the Great"
Lenora Parker.....	"The World's Greatest Miracle"
Ernest Bales.....	"The Two Great Leaders of Our Country"
Myrtle Gause.....	"The World's Unerowned Queens"
Verda Crozer.....	"William McKinley"
Mary Minthorn.....	"The Mission of America"
Lewis Saunders.....	"The Brotherhood of Man"
Nellie Paulsen.....	"John Milton"
Mabel Newby.....	"The Two Sisters"
Ray Pemberton.....	"David Livingstone"
Mabel Paulsen.....	"Just One Century Ago"

Friends Russell Comer and Walter Miles have been called to speak elsewhere.  
Frederick George is ill. Farewell, Farewell!

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Dr. Minthorn has kindly sent us the first two following paragraphs for the editorial page:

Radium gives off heat in the inverse ratio to the sur-

rounding temperature. The colder the temperature the more heat it gives off.

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Every man pays for the amount of bossing he requires; or in other words, a well-trained and skillful man commands more pay because he requires no bossing.

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The record of the past few years demonstrates that it would be a rare fortune for us to get through a school year without the time being broken into by a plague of some sort that has to be quarantined. This year is not one of the rare ones.

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The Crescent extends to President Lewis an expression of our sympathy with him in his recent sorrow, caused by the death of his mother and the dangerous sickness of his father. In the midst of sorrow we are glad to unite with him in the consolation that comes to the sincere believer in God.

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There are always a few people around a gymnasium who seem to take a special delight in destroying apparatus and fixtures. You will find them in every gymnasium without having to look very close, for they occupy a conspicuous place that would be embarrassing to most anybody but them.

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How many of the students know already what they are going to do next summer? The wideawake student will not put that matter off till summer comes, for opportunity must be caught by the forelock, not the fetlock. If you wait till next summer before you look for a job, somebody else will get it before you do; and a student has no time to spare during the summer.

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The new scheme suggested for the State Oratorical



Association will eliminate the evil of the association in about the same way that sin will be eradicated from the world—when the world ceases to exist. Ready speaking is a valuable gift, and such a contest will be another incentive to practice in it. But the distinctive good of the present system will be eliminated from college work. One talent will lie unused, because the using of it gave the trickster a chance to play his tricks. Is the art of ready speaking so rare, or is oratory of so little value?

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The letter from Mr. Sigrist, the manager of the Washington University basket ball team, explaining their failure to keep the date for a game with P. C., stated that three men in their first team received "conditional" in the examinations held just prior to that date, and of course the faculty refused to let them come. It seems that the other two of the team then kicked over the traces and refused to come with a team made up mostly of second team men. Why they should do this and thus break an agreement with another school is a little hard to see. When they did finally come and filled their other dates in Oregon, they beat most everything they met. The only explanation we can figure out is that the people at W. U. believe in doing one thing at a time, and when they are in athletics they do nothing but athletics. Their grades would seem to indicate that three out of the five got "C," and then the other two stood in with them pretty loyally. Evidently the athletic prestige claimed by W. U. is largely maintained by that sort of people. They are good athletes, doubtless, but they ought not to be called college athletes.

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Local and Personal.

"I was just looking for a Senior."

"I am glad to look into thy smiling face."

Pearl Bailey has gone to teach a school near The Dalles, Oregon.

Miss Helena Ferguson is a new student in the academy department.

Miss Mary O'Connor has been obliged to stop school on account of ill health.

There is said to be an excellent system of rural free delivery in the chapel now.

Florence Wilson will tell you that the best way to travel is on a handcar at the hour of midnight.

Mr. Thos. Miles of Scotts Mills attended the local contest in which his son, Walter, was a speaker.

Remember the state contest at Forest Grove next month. P. C. should have a large representation there.

Miss Mildred Johnson of Portland has been visiting with her brother Orville and the Nicholson girls.

The Misses Alta Heath of Baker City and Minnie Miller of Portland visited college with their cousin, Mabel Cooper,



on the 10th.

A boy was seen on the streets a few days ago without a home. Two Sophomore girls took pity on him and gave him a penny.

Miss Vivian Miller, who attended college here last year, but who is now going to the State Normal School at Monmouth, visited college on the 11th.

Some of the boys have discovered that going to school beats cutting wood and digging ditches, and hence are anxious for school to commence again.

The Junta Literary Society gave a leap year social on the 30th ult. When three girls ask one boy for his company to a leap year social, it begins to look as if boys were in demand.

It was a self-evident fact that at least one of our honorable faculty has never been a cowboy, as a diminutive pony succeeded in laying him in the middle of the street, and that without very much trouble, too.

This epidemic of smallpox (or otherwise) is playing havoc with the scheduled basket ball games, as two of the team are sick, and besides, no other school would dare to bring a team here to play a game for fear of exposing themselves to the same disease.

President Lewis left for Texas near the last of January in response to a telegram from there announcing the critical sickness of his mother. He had just started when word came of her death. President was away a little more than two week, having spent some time with his father, who was dangerously ill, but had recovered sufficiently to be out of danger when he came away.

The patrons of the college were sorely disappointed at the non-appearance of the University of Washington basket ball team on the 8th. Manager Blair received a telegram

that morning saying the team could not come on account of examinations and the strictures of their faculty. It was noticed, however, that that did not hinder that team from playing several games in the valley the same week.

The Junior recital occurred on January 23. The weather was bad, as is usual on such occasions, but the audience was large considering that circumstance. The program, given below, merited very much appreciation.

Instrumental Duet.....	Mrs. Wilson and Miss Jessie Britt
Oration.....	"I Am the State" Bernice Woodward.
Oration.....	"Marquis de La Fayette" Orville Johnson.
Oration.....	"Man's Supreme Purpose" Chas A. Morris.
Vocal Solo.....	Alverta Meats
Oration.....	"Birds of Passage Pass This Way But Once" Florence Wilson.
Oration.....	"The World's Greatest Orator" Worth Coulson.
Piano Solo.....	Mrs. Albertson
Class Orators—M. Eunice Lewis, Clement Niswonger.	

School work is tied up by the presence of a contagious disease. What was thought to be chicken pox has spread so widely among the students that it is threatening the whole community. To make matters worse, one of the doctors thinks one of the cases is smallpox. School was dismissed on the 11th, the sick people quarantined and the whole community subjected to a thorough fumigation. The certainty on the part of most people that it is not smallpox has caused a carelessness in handling it that has made it difficult to exterminate it. At the present writing, school has been dismissed nearly a week and the prospects are good for another week or two of suspension. Whatever the malady is, it is not very severe in its effects, but it is plain that school work can not go on until it is checked.



### Exchanges.

The editorials in the "Gates Index" have the true ring. They discuss questions that are especially pertinent to a college paper and impress one with the earnestness and sincerity of the writer.

That almost any one can obtain a college education is proved by a Yale man who spent only \$100 in one year and \$550 during the whole course. In contrast to this, one man spent \$11,000 in one year and another \$25,000 in four years.

—Ex.

When you're foolin' in the library,  
 An' havin' lots of fun,  
 A-laughin' an' a gibberin'  
 As if your time had come,  
 You'd better watch your corners  
 An' keep kinder lookin' out,  
 Er the librarian 'll get you—  
 Ef you don't watch out.

—Ex.

The following new exchanges have been received for the month of January: State University Independent, Columbia, Missouri; The Decaturian, Decatur, Illinois; The Collegian, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania; The Crimson and White, Gloucester, Massachusetts; The Phonograph, Ballston Spa, New York. Although the last two named are high school journals, they rank with the best of college exchanges.

The agitation started by Pres. Campbell of the University of Oregon in favor of eliminating a large share of the yelling at the state oratorical contest is a move in the right direction and should meet with the hearty approval of all the colleges. Although the example of P. C. has not always been the most commendable in this respect, we sincerely hope the time will soon come when more moderation and common sense will be used at such times.

The lament in the Whitman College Pioneer over the fact that so few students acquire the power of concentration is well grounded. We venture the assertion that nine-tenths of the students who go through college do so without acquiring this essential requisite to the highest success. They do not seem able to overcome the habit formed in younger days of studying their lessons and counting the marbles in their pockets at the same time. Or in other words, they are not able to banish everything from their minds foreign to the subject in hand. It is a faculty that can be acquired by a persistent effort of the will, and the student who permits himself to slip through school without learning some of these important lessons outside of the text book will realize sooner or later that he has missed the fundamental purpose of a college education.





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